

Title: Set Your House In Order Part #2

"In those days Hezekiah became mortally ill. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him and said to him, 'Thus says the LORD, 'Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.'"

Isaiah 38:1. Hezekiah received his wake-up call. He didn't have much time to live. The good news is he turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD. This story always makes me a little emotional. I get a sense of urgency when I read this story. Hezekiah was a young man: 39 years old. He was a leader. There was still work to do.

This story resonates with me because in 2014 I had a blood clot in my right coronary artery. I was 36 years old. That was my wake-up call. I guess I've had a few wake-up calls. Seeing my dad die at the age of 59 was a wake-up call. Getting diagnosed with a heart condition that could potentially lead to sudden cardiac arrest was a wake-up call.

Have you had your wake-up call? Maybe you were involved in a car accident or a health scare. Maybe you lost a loved one or friend way too soon.

Here's what we know: we will die, Hebrews 9:27! Here's what we don't know: when we will die. Therefore, we must live like we are dying. Life is short! Therefore, we need to have our house in order. My goal is to discuss this in the coming weeks. What if in 90 days you could enter a new year with your house set in order? Change can happen in an instant, although it might be painful at times. My intention is to eventually make a workbook from these bulletins.

We must first begin with our souls. If we are not right with God, then we miss everything.

Are you saved? Have you obeyed the words of Jesus in Mark 16:16? *"He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned."* If you haven't, the blood of Jesus has not covered you. You are lost in your sins according to the Bible.

Have you obeyed the gospel, but maybe lost your first love, Revelation 2:1-4? Jesus demands you repent! Is there a heart condition you are need of repenting and confessing to God? Peter stood condemned due to his heart condition, Galatians 2:11. Simon (formerly the Sorcerer) heart's was

not right, Acts 8:21-22. He needed to repent. Do we need to repent? As we think about getting our houses in order, let's first begin with our relationship with God.

"For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?" Luke 9:25

-Benjamin Lee